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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION - QUITO OAS FOMIN MEETING

1. EXPRESO HEADLINES AN AFP REPORT ON THE OAS VOTE:

"THE AGONY HAS BEGUN: OAS. SANCTIONS NOT LIFTED.

PERU DESCRIBES IT 'BEGINNING OF THE END'"

2. EDITORIALY, EXPRESO TAKES A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW

NOTING THAT "CONTRARY TO ALL THAT HAD BEEN FORESEEN,

THE INTERAMERICAN CONFERENCE HELD IN QUITO ENTERED

INTO A DEADLOCK VERY SIMILAR TO A COLLAPSE... WHILE

DESPERATE FORCES WERE BEING EXERTED TO OBTAIN THE

EVASIVE MAJORITY AGAINST THE DISQUIETING BACKGROUND

OF SILENCE BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE

INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM WAVERED." THE EDITORIAL

THEN CITES THE BRAZILIAN FOMIN'S REFERENCE TO A

CASTROL OBSERVATION THAT "REINCORPORATION OF HIS

COUNTRY INTO THE INTERAMERICAN COMMUNITY WILL NOT

ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING (BECAUSE) WE ARE NEGOTIATING

WITH A FANTASY." CASTRO'S AFFIRMATION, EXPRESO SAYS,

WAS PARTLY TRUE, "THAT IS, HIS COMMUNIST REGIME IS WHAT

WILL DESTROY THE OAS AND ON ITS RUINS WILL BE FORMED

ANOTHER AMERICAN GROUP IN WHICH THE USA WILL NOT BE

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PRESENT, OR, AT THE LEAST, TRANSFER THE HEADQUARTERS TO

A LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY, PANAMA, FOR EXAMPLE, IN MEMORY OF THE LIBERATOR, AND THEN PROTECT THE NEW ORGANIZATION FROM ALL SCRUTINY OF YANKEE INFLUENCE." THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES: "THE FACT IS THAT UP TO NOW THERE REMAINS A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY NOT ONLY REGARDING THE SITUATION RELATED TO THE LIFTING OF THE SANCTIONS, BUT VERY SPECIALLY THE SURVIVAL OF THE OAS. QUITO MAY WELL BE THE TOMB OF THIS ORGANIZATION IF THINGS DO NOT CHANGE."

3. EL TELEGRAFO, IN TOP OF FRONT PAGE HEADLINE, DECLARES: "12 VOTES YES, 3 AGAINST, 6 ABSTENTIONS. OAS DOES NOT RAISE SANCTIONS." UPPER LEFT SIDE FRONT PAGE ALSO CARRIES QUOTE ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. DELEGATE INGERSOLL: "THERE IS NO CLEAR INDICATION THAT CUBA DOES NOT EXPORT REVOLUTION," OVER ARTICLE WHICH QUOTES INGERSOLL AS SAYING U.S. ABSTENTION "CAN NOT BE TAKEN AS A SIGNAL OF NOTHING MORE THAN THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN PERCEPTION OF THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME.

4. EL TELEGRAFO HAS NO EDITORIAL ON MEETING, BUT A CARTOON, CAPTIONED "SUPER-FROZEN WATER", SHOWS FORMINS SCATTERING HURRIEDLY TO AVOID GETTING WET FROM WATER BEING DUMPED FROM A PAIL LABELED: "FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING.

5. EL TELEGRAFO COLUMNIST, UNDER THE PEDRO TINTO PSEUDONYM, TAKES TO TASK THE COLOMBIAN FOMIN' VIEW THAT "TODAY, IN PLACE OF FIDEL CASTRO, IT IS THE OAS WHICH IS IN THE PLACE OF THE ACCUSED," THE COLUMNIST ALSO CRITICIZES THE PRO-CASTRO VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OTHER COMMENTATORS THEN REVIEWS THE HISTORY BEHIND THE OAS SANCTION AND INTERVENTION OF CUBA IN VENEZUELA "WHERE THE LIFE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WAS PLACED IN DANGER," AND "IN BOLIVIA, THE PLACE WHERE THE CHIEF OF THE CUBAN INVASION FORCE 'CHE' GUEVARA MET HIS DEATH, AND IN URUGUAY WITH ITS TRAGIC 'TUPAMAROS', PLUS THE COLOMBIAN, CHILEAN, VENEZUELAN AND MEXICAN GUERRILLAS." THE COLUMN ENDS: "THE MEASURE TAKEN (AT THE OAS QUITO MEETING) WAS AGAINST THIS SYSTEM OF INTERVENTION THROUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH AN EXTRACONTINENTAL POWER UNDERTOOK TO CONQUER LATIN AMERICA."

6. EL UNIVERSO, IN LEAD ARTICLE TOP OF FRONT PAGE, CARRIES HEADLINE: "SANCTIONS NOT LIFTED AND CUBA REMAINS OUTSIDE OF THE OAS". SECOND LEAD STORY HEADLINED: "KISSINGER WILL ATTEND. THIRD MEETING OF NEW DIALOGUE WILL BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES."

7. EL UNIVERSO CARRIED NO EDITORIAL ON OAS MEETING,
BUT GIVES HEAVY COVERAGE TO MEETING, INCLUDING TWO PHOTOS
OF U.S. DELEGATE INGERSOLL AND ONE OF MRS. INGERSOLL.
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